Abstract Proceedings of the Travancore Legislative Council.

The Council met in the Dewan's Room, Public Offices, at 12 Noon on Wednesday the 9th November 1921/24th Tulam 1097.

Present.

Dewan Bahadur T. Raghaviah, Esq., B. A..... .....Dewan,.....*Presiding.*

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K. George, Esq., B. A.

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S. Parameswara Aiyar, Esq., M. A. & B. L. .....*Secretary.*

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John Nidiry Esq., B. A. & B. L.

Marasseri Trivikramar Vasudevar, Esq.

Kayalam Parameswaran Pillai, Esq., B. A. & B. L.

P. J. John Esq.

The Right Revd. Mar Alexander Chulaparambil.

The Secretary reported that the Rt. Revd. Mar Alexander Chulaparambil, the newly appointed non-official Member, took his seat in Council that day.

INTERPELLATIONS AND ANSWERS

At the Meeting of the Legislative Council held on the 9th November 1921.

Mr. Kayalam Parameswaran Pillai.

1. Q.—With reference to Regulation II of 1097, will the Government be pleased to state—

(1) who the officers are that are referred to in Section 16 (4) (iv) (*a*) as "appointed by Us" and what the salary and allowances of each are; and

(2) whether the Government propose to make rules as contemplated in Section 16 (4) (iv) (*b*) and specify any appointment as requiring the sanction of His Highness the Maha Raja and, if so, what those appointments, and the total salary and allowances attached to those appointments, are?

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Chief Secretary Mr. N. Rajaram Rao.

1. A.—(1) The appointments referred to in this part of the question are those made under His Highness the Maha Raja's Sign Manual The appointments so made now are those of the Dewan and the Chief Justice and their emoluments will be found entered in the Quarterly Civil List.

(2) Rules will issue in due course.

Mr. Kayalam Parameswaran Pillai.

2. Q.—Will the Government kindly state what amount is expected under income-tax from each of the municipal areas in the State and what from the rest of the State ?

Chief Secretary Mr. N. Rajaram Rao.

2. A.—It is not possible to furnish the information at present.

Mr. Kayalam Parameswaran Pillai.

3. Q.—Will the Government kindly read the Malayalam article published in the *Samadarsi* of the 8th October 1921 under the heading "Mr. Raghaviah's Government and Christians" and be pleased to make a statement in regard to the allegations made in paragraphs 2 and 3 thereof, and state particularly—

(1) whether the *thadivila* of the Government land referred to was once fixed at Rs. 1,50,000 and, if not, at what amount it was originally fixed;

(2) whether it has been subsequently reduced or is proposed to be reduced and, if so, to what amount;

(3) whether any trees had been cut on the land without the permission of Government, and, if so, by whom, and why the trees were so allowed to be cut; and

(4) whether the Government have taken or are taking any action to realise the value of the trees so cut and, if so, what that action and its result are?

Chief Secretary Mr. N. Rajaram Rao.

3. A.—Government have perused the article referred to. The matter is still under the consideration of Government. When final orders are passed, a statement dealing *inter alia* with the points raised in the interpellation will be made.

Mr. S. Adam Sait.

4. Q.—(*a*) What is the profit per maund of salt derived from the purchase and sale of Bombay salt by the Government?

(*b*) What is the estimated profit derived by Government per maund of salt on account of the sale of Tinnevelly salt during the last three years?

(*c*) Will the Government be pleased to supply information on the following points:—

(i) What was the stock of salt remaining at the Quilon and Alleppey Depôts when tenders were invited for the supply of 4½ lakhs of maunds of Tinnevelly salt during the second half of 1097, *viz.*, between the 1st Vrischikam 1097 and the 31st Medam 1097?

(ii) Is it a fact that when the aforesaid tenders were called for, the licensees of the South Travancore factories possessed in stock salt ready for sale to the extent of eight lakhs of maunds?

(iii) What is the quantity of salt required for consumption in the State per year on an average for the last 3 years?

(iv) Did the Excise Commissioner ascertain the existence of the above-mentioned stock of salt before arranging for the import of such a large quantity of foreign salt?

(v) Did the Excise Commissioner take into consideration the probable yield of salt of the Purattasi pani and Thye pani of 1097, when he invited tenders for the supply of foreign salt?

(*d*) What are the rates at which the Government have given the contract for the supply of Tinnevelly and Bombay salt respectively, at Trivandrum, Quilon and Alleppey?

Secretary Mr. S. Parameswara Aiyar.

4. A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The average profit derived by Government from the purchase and sale of Bombay salt during 1096 was annas 9 and pies 4 per maund and the average estimated pro-

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